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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] the left wing of the Socialist Party of Austria has started negotiations with the Communists for the formation of a unity party. It is expected, however, that, if a unity party were formed, it would lose at the next elections. It is feared in Socialist circles that the Communists would take over all the important functions in such a party. The unity party is especially strongly advocated among coal and iron workers' groups in Carinthia and Styria.

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] the following results were obtained in an election of 21 February 1947, held at the Fohnsdorfer Werke. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED]
25X1A [REDACTED] of the several industrial installations in Fohnsdorf (these elections were held.) Among a complement of 1,738 workers, a total of 1,452 were entitled to vote. Of these, 620* voted for the Austrian Communist Party and 464 for the Socialist Party. The Austrian Peoples' Party failed to poll any votes. The following table offers a comparison with the results of previous years:

Year	Total Number of Workers	Number of Eligible Voters	KP	SP	APP
1945	1,525	1,140	543	336	46
1946	1,610	1,629	757	656	-
1947	1,738	1,452	620*	464	-

*As received

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